

# Making waves for Conservation by students of Global Pathways School

Zooreach launched the marine program 1OCEAN (Ocean Conservation Education Action Network), with a conference-cum-workshop on 26th May 2023. 1OCEAN project focuses on addressing the environmental challenges that ocean currently faces through an integrated approach of research, conservation and education. I, Ms. M. Leelarani, the teacher in charge had attended the 1OCEAN workshop for educators and decided to conduct an awareness program in the school campus for the grade 4 students of the Global Pathways School on the importance of non-renewable resources and the need to save and reduce the usage of

energy. The students had a discussion on the interconnectedness between humans and the ocean and the role they can play to combat climate change.

Learners insisted their peers to follow a few tips to promote energy conservation in and around their surroundings and within their community.

- Turn off lights, electrical and electronic appliances when they are not in use.
- Use energy-efficient LED lights.
- Unplug devices when not in use.
- Generate your own electricity with solar power.



Students sharing their artwork and enlightening their fellow classmates on the importance of conservation.



Students sharing their colourful expressions of hope and harmony to their principal.



Passionate young minds sharing their artistic creations while spreading the message of conservation.

- Use stairs instead of elevators.
- Don't open the refrigerator door again and again.
- Don't waste paper-Let save the trees.
- Use both sides of the paper.
- No water, No life
- Don't waste water, Close the tap after usage.
- Take a short shower.
- Don't waste food, Share the food.
- Get the food whatever you need and finish it off.
- Close the lid, while cooking.
- Use public transport. You can also walk or ride a bicycle to get around over short distances.
- Shut down the engine when not using it.
- Avoid ocean harming products like food wrappers, beverage bottles, straws, bottle caps, single-use bags...

They united and took a pledge to actively engage to protect and save the ocean for the sake of our future survival on this planet. In addition, the students went on a field trip- to Aliyar Dam to learn about water conservation.

To conclude, most students believe without conserving energy, there is no way in which they can survive in the future. A change in their habits can bring about a difference in the world. It can be done by either using the power in lesser quantities. Ocean feeds us, regulates our climate and generates most of the oxygen we breathe. Therefore, it is their duty to protect it.

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Artwork done by students to celebrate conservation.

